Castle Clinton

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Mary Pickersgill

And the Star Spangled Banner

March 23, 2016

Come meet Mary Pickersgill (portrayed by Kim Hanley of American Historical Theatre) as we celebrate Woman's History Month at Castle Clinton National Monument on March 23 at 11-12:00am and 12:30pm-1:30pm.

In 1813 Mary Pickersgill made the Star Span-



Kim Hanley as Mary Pickersgill

gled Banner that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. Francis Scott Key would write the National Anthem after seeing this flag flying in the dawn's early light." The flag was commissioned by

General Armistead who wanted a flag "so large that the British would have no trouble seeing it from afar." Mary sewed two flags but it was the 42' X 30' flag that flew over the fort and is now preserved at the Smithsonian Institute today.

Space is limited, so reservations are required. Call 646-841-4289 to claim your seat for this special show today!



Plan Your Visit

Castle Clinton National Monument is open daily from 7:45am-5:00pm.

Tours are given at 10am, Noon, 2pm and 4pm.

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Castle Clinton NM is located at the tip of Manhattan in Battery Park

There are numerous ways to get to Castle Clinton NM using public transportation. Please visit www.mta.info for more information and maps.